

WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 14, 1900

BECAUSE THE democratic members of the Kentucky legislature manifest a disposition, now that Mr. Taylor's insurgents have been withdraw from the State House at Frankfort, to go back there and resume their work, under the constitution of their State, so that law and order may be observed and the courts perform their duties, free from the presence of an armed mob, the republicans and their allies, the so-called gold democrats and independents, say they are "weakening." Why certainly! When democrats, for peace and quietness, express a willingness to submit their claims to the arbitrament of the courts, they are "weakening," according to republicans and their allies, but when the latter assume the character of desperadoes and open defiers of the law, according to the same authority, they show their "strength", and are deserving of the highest praise for hav ing the "courage to stand up for their convictions."

As THE date of the next national democratic convention approaches, it is becoming more and more apparent that the platform to be adopted by that assemblage will declare that some provision shall be made for the collection of an income tax. The poor people of this country have become tired of paying taxes on nearly everything they are compelled to use in order to live, for the support of the federal government. while the men who have grown rich by means of the favors shown them by the government, are not taxed a cent on their surplus incomes, and that they will demand a redress of that grievance. Common sense teaches that taxes should be laid where they are least burdensome, and every sane man knows that of all taxes, the one on surplus incomes is the least oppressive, and is one to which everybody is striving to render himself legally subject.

BOOKER WASHINGTON'S race in An derson, Indiana, are not as wise as he is. He knows his place, and therefore avoids trouble and is always treated with the respect he deserves. They do not, and therefore create trouble both for him and themselves, and not only deprive themselves of the slightest respect, but invite antagonism. They demanded that he be accommodated at the leading hotel there, and consequently subjected themselves to an emphatic refusal, and him, to treatment to which he would not have rendered himself liable.

No MATTER where he goes, North, South, East and West, Mr. Bryan a: tracts immense crowds, is received with ovations, and creates the most demonstrative enthusiasm. Everybody now, even the men who deserted the democratic party four years ago. concedes that he will be renominated without appreciable opposition, and, in all probability, unanimously; and unless the voters in the North shall be bought by the million, as they were in 1896, he will be elected.

AND NOW so rank a hater of traitors as Senator Hoar has had the objectionable word treason applied to his own utterances, because he opposes expansion and imperialism, and, worse still, even by a representative in Congress from his own loyal State of Massachusetts. Thus do chickens come home to roost. A few years ago the idea of any connection between Mr. Hoar and treason would have been inconceivable; but times change and men with them.

FROM WASHINGTON

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] Washington, February 14. Lieut. Alfred Reynolds, U. S. N., of Virginia, is highly commended in dis-patches from Manila received at the Navy Department today. At the républican Senatorial caucus

held this morning Senator Allison was designated to select eight other republicans to compose a steering committee of the Senate. The caucus also de-termined that Messrs. McDonald and Gilfrey, democrats, should be retained as clerks in the office of the secretary, and that seventeen other democrati employees of the Senate be allowed to retain their places.

It is reported here from Virginia to day that Collector Brady of that State has recovered his health, and that his friends are urging him for membership of the national republican committee in place of Mr. Bowden; also that the friends of State Senator Glass, of Lynchburg, are advocating him for the democratic gubernatorial nomination; also that Mr. Flood will be a candidate for the democratic Congressional nomi-nation in the Staunton district; also that Mr. J. M. Wallace, a Richmond law-yer, will be a candidate for the democratic Congressional nomination in his

Senator Taliaferro, of Florida, makes an emphatic denial to the statement of ex-Senator Call, of his State, that he was in collusion with an army officer in

beef contract.
The rector of the old Episcopal Church at Williamsburg, Virginia, was at the Capitol today, trying to induce the Virginia Congressmen to obtain as appropriation the repair of that church, which was sadly defaced by the federal army during the war between the

The argument in the Walker-Rhea contes ed election case from the 9th Virginia district was to have been heard in the House elections committee No. 1 today, but the committee

was in no hurry about it, and postponed it until the 27th and 28th instant, to the great annoyance of the contestant. The minority report in the Wise-Young case from the same State was presented in the House to-day, but when it will be taken up for consideration is unknown.

unknown.

The fate of the English treaty for the Nicaragus canal is still uncertain. It friends at-sert that the President will secure its ratifica-tion, and its enemies, that he will not be able to do so.

The ways and means committee of th House agreed this morning to report a bill providing that brewers shall do away with the 1-6 and 1-8 barrel packages and put up their p educt in nothing smaller than quarter

Secator Daniel and his family are occupying their residence in this city, 1900, 17th to define their duties and powers. Serator Daniel and his family are

street.

Mrs. Chickering, the widow of the New York Congressman, has notified the Speaker that she does not desire any display at the funeral and therefore she would prefer that no Congressional bommittee should accompany the remains. The Committee of nine members of the House appointed yesterday by the Speaker have therefore abandoned their intention to attend the funeral.

The House republican leaders have practically determined not to permit consideration of the ship subsidy bill at their end of the Capitol this session.

the Capitol this session. Scuator Penrose insists that as the Quay case

as a privileged matter it should come up in advance of all others as soon as the financial bill is disposed of.

The Interior Department was informed this

morning that Assistant Secretary of the Interior Webster Davis sailed yesterday from South Africal for home.

The Immigration Bureau is investigating the alleged wholesale importation of laborers into the New York lumber camps from the Dominion of Canada. According to the United States consul at Ottawa thousands of them are being slipped over the border to throw out of employment American lumber men who cannot afford to work for the wages that satisfy the aliens.

NEWS OF THE DAY

The agricultural and industrial bodies of France are almost unanimous against the reciprocity treaty with the United

Colonel Robert Carter Smith, a distinguished Confederate veteran, aged seventy-two years, died suddenly of heart disease at his home in Catoneville, Md., yesterday.

France, considering the enormous amount expended by her citizens in the construction of the Panama canal, may prove a stumbling block in the way of the immediate construction of the Nicaprove a stumbling block in the way of raguan canal.

A dispatch from Philadelphia save it is pretty generally be leved there that Mr. Quay is practically out of the fight for reelection to the United States nate, and that he will soon announce his retirement from the contest.

Cecil Rhodes's friends are alarmed lest he be captured by the Boers, and Dr. Leyds says that if Rhodes is captured he will be held as hostage for the payment of a \$10,000,000 indemnity for the Jameson raid. Dr. Jameson is still at Ladysmith.

In Chicago last night the resolutions committee of the Anti-trust Conference decided to report in favor of government ownership of railroads and for their seizure on payment of actual value and without payment for watered stock or other fictitious values. Free trade is

In Washington vesterday Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt was elected president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association to succeed Susan B. Antho ny, who has led the battle for equal wharf on Wic With the exception of the president, all of the old officers were elected.

voted by Congress in any regular an. employes with explanation of the cause nual naval appropriation bill since the civil war. The estimates from the Navy Department footed up \$75,000,-000. Congress will scale down the estimates, however, to \$65,000,000.

The democratic members of the Kentucky legislature will, it is believed, return to Frankfort tomorrow, and the regular sessions of that body will be re-sumed. It is reasonably certain the po-litical situation will remain in its present quiet state until a decision has been handed down by the Court of Appeals clearing the title to the office of ernor.

The managing committee of the Great er Senboard Air Line organization, com prehending a union of a number of the Southern Railway systems, has been effected and publicly announced. gether with this announcement is another from Circuit Court No. 2 of Baltimore that a bill of complaint and enjoinder has to prevent the completion of the plan of consolidation.

Henry Clay Frick filed a bill in equiy in the court of Allegheny county, Pa., against Andrew Carnegie and the Carnegie Steel Company praying for a decree that the "pretended transfer of nis interests in the company was and is null and void, and that he is still the owner of such interests." The bill shows the enormous profits made by Company for 1899 were \$21,000,000. Carnegie's sbare \$12,284,000; per week, \$235,000. Estimated profits for 1900, \$42,500,000. Carnegie's share \$24,867,-500; per week, \$470,000. Value of the plant, \$250,000,000. Carnegie's share, \$157,000,000,

THE WAR IN AFRICA.

The Boers have attacked the British troops in the vicinity of Colesberg and Rensburg, and, after severe fighting, drove them back to the latter place, which is 30 miles south of the Orange river. The British positions had stretched nearly up to the river. The Boers outflanked the British left and forced a retreat.

ish can hold Rensburg, which has been their base for operations against the southern border of the Orange Free State. A British dispatch says: "The Boers were five to one wherever fight-ing occurred." This indicates that the Boer leaders massed their available men at important points. They have lso been considerably reinforced in

Dispatches indicate that Gen. Buller has retreated to Cheveley-about 20 miles southeast of Potgieter's-to save his line of communications, which the Boers have threatened.

Through Mrs. Lillie Lantry's much-he ed "tea concert" at Shorry's, in New York, yesterday evening, the fund in aid of the hospital ship Maine for service in South Africa. hospital ship Maine for service in South African waters was increased by over \$6,000. The "tea-concert" was a success. Mrs. Astor, the "uncrowned queen of the 400." headed the list of patronesses. Although young women did not seil cocktails and other ta/reshments at the American Bar," as had been expected, cash was spent freely. There were several police officials present, sent to the concert by Chief Devery, in response to demands by indignant members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

John Montgomery, 108 years old, the old-est man in lows, was run down by a train at Council Bluffs last night and instantly killed.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The following bills were introduced

and referred:
To provide for the proper assessment of mineral products within the State of

Virginis.

Amending the license tax laws so as o provide for a tax on mineral products for each year and to deduct the amount of labor incidental to such out-

Amending the act of February 11, 1890, providing for the appointment of assistant commissioners of acounts and

Authorizing corporations and join: stock companies now or hereafter chartered and organized under an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, id doing business under the provision of said charter within the vicinity of railroads, canals or navigable waters, to condemn land for the construction and operation of lateral railroads, sid-

ings, &c.
The bill to incorporate the Virginia Northern Railway and Development Company, which has passed the House, was reported, placed on the calendar and passed under a suspension of the

rules.

The Senate at 1 o'clock began the consideration of the bill to charter the Richmond and Washington Air Line Railway Company. It was the special order for that hour.

Senator Morris stated that he had no nterest whatever in either road, but he was for protecting the State. About one million dollars was involved that belonged to the State. He moved, therefore, that the bill be referred to the finance committee for consideration.

After debate the bill, as stated in yes terday's Gazette, was referred to the finance committee. Every member of the Senate voted and there was an equal division. Lieut.-Gov. Echols cast the deciding vote in favor of sending the bill to the committee.

HOUSE.

The House devoted the greater part of its session yesterday to the further consideration of the land grabbers' law. Several amendments were agreed to. One of these abridges the notice of publication. Others reduce the minidollars. The clause requiring the "grabber" to pay in advance ten per

cent. of the purchase price was retained, with an additional provision that bill went over.

The House agreed to the Senate

amendments to the House bill affecting the title to 41,000 acres of land in Bath county. The bill, which in some measure, changes the law in action of ejectment was finally passed.

The Speaker announced the commit-tee on fisheries. Mr. Ryan is chairman. The following bills were introduced: To authorize railroad companies to ondemn lands and construct necessary sidetracks, etc. (This bill authorizes the several county courts to empower corporations and joint stock companies to build railroads in any part of the State twenty miles in length, for the purpose of reaching lumber lands, mines, etc., owned or leased by such corporations or joint stock companies.)
To authorize F. M. Thrift to erect a

wharf on Wicomico river, in Westmore-

The House committee on roads favor This year's naval appropriation bill ably reported the bill to require rail-will carry more money than has been way corporations to furnish discharged

The democratic House caucus last night, after an animated two hours' session, decided to admit to that body Josiah Stickley, of Shenanduah, who has been classed as an independent. The special committee of five was unable, after conference with Senator Lupton, who had been designated to state the facts, to determine whether Stickley or Feller, or either, was the regular nominee. After much filibus-tering and a long fight, Mr. Stickley was seated.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mr. Richard Harris, one of the oldest citizens of Rappshannock county, died Monday, aged 87 years.

Col. A. F. Cook, of Abingdon, who commanded the Eighth Virginia Cavalry during the civil war, is dead.

Robbers entered the postoffice at Windsor, Monday night, blew open the safe, and escaped with \$100, beside registered letters, and stamps.

J. A. Miller, the oldest druggist in Winchester, died at his residence there yesterday, after a long illness. Mr. Miller was born in Winchester in 1826.

The Norfolk and Western Railway Company has awarded the contract to J. J. Garry for the removal of the big machine shop building at Shenandoab to Rosnoke.

Miss Rose Jackson Settle, of Rappa hannock county, and Mr. William T. Richardson, of Kossuth, Miss., were married last week at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Carroway, in Washington, D. C.

Hon. Wm. J. Bryan, who was the guest of Governor Tyler on Monday night, left Richmond yesterday in a private car for Raleigh. He was accompanied by a committee of prominent North Carolinians.

The case of Theodore F. Taylor, the defaulting deputy clerk of Henrico county, was called in the County Court on Monday and he did not respond. His bail bond of \$2,000 was forfeited. Yesterday the grand jury indicted him.

Sam Beale was yesterday acquitted of murdering Frederick McDonaid, in Isle of Wight county. James Brittle is now serving a five years' term of imprisonment for being accessory in McDonald's murder. An effort for a pardon will be

The Clark Courier says: A letter, written Sunday, received from Clifton Springs, N. Y., by the family of Hon. Marshall McCormick, says that Mr. McCormick is improving rapidly, and that on Saturday he was better and brighter than on any day since he was taken sick

Judge Deley, in the Circuit Court for Hampsuire county, West Virginia, yes-terday afternoon sentenced John and Thomas Morrison, of Winchester to ten years each in the penitentiary for rob-bing Charles Cooper last spring. While on a fishing excursion in Hampshire county last May they masked themreives and drove to Cooper's house in the mountains. Under threat of death they compelled Cooper, who was an in valid, to reveal the hiding place of his savings, They took over \$300 and left

Candy Cathartic, cure constipation for

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

THE SENATE.

From South Africa. London, Feb. 14.—No news comes from Modder river and it is understood that all messages from there have been stopped. Military authorities think it likely that the Modder river engagement has begun. London, Feb.14.—An official dispatch

from Chieveley dated February 13 says: "Lord Dundonald, with 700 troops, visited the high ground which the energy was in the habit of occupy-ing. He was found to have left but returned later with reenforcements. Hardman met the Boers near Rustenburg. We reenforced him and the Boers retired. Captain Russell and five men were wounded in the encounter and Lieut. Pilkington and six men

were captured." The above dispatch does not indicate whether Dundonald had a fight with the Boers who returned to the high ground.

Pietermaritzburg, Feb. 14.-It is learned that in the explosion of an am-munition factory at Johannesberg reported last mouth, some seventy work-

men were killed. London, Feb. 14.—An undated dis patch from Mafeking says: "Food is lasting well. We are able to hold out till June.'

Roberts's Advance

London, Feb. 14.-General Roberts's advance has begun. The field marshal reporting to the War Office from Riet river, under date of February 13, says : Col. Hanney, commanding a brigade of mounted infantry, marching from Orange river to Ramdam, had a sight en gagement February 11 with the Boers. Hanney repulsed the enemy and pust-ed on with baggage to Ramdam and the object of his march was accomplished. His casualties were four killed, twentytwo wounded and thirteen captured. On February 12, French's cavalry division crossed the Riet river at Dekils Drift to east bank where the Sixth and Seventh divisions are now encamped. His casualties were one officer and one trooper killed and several troopers wounded."

London Military Theories.

London, Feb. 14.-Military experts believe that the retirement of the British forces at Rensberg is part of General Roberts's scheme to throw his entire weight against the Boers at Modler river on the theory that the enemy the amount paid upon each application shall not be less than one dollar. The fighting, about Rensberg the last few days, that General French is no longer in that vicinity, and it is presumed he has either joined General Roberts's column at Modder river or is operating with General Kelly-Kenny along he railroad line from Naauwport to De Aar. The withdrawal of French from the Rensberg district tends to corroborate the military opinion that Roberts has weakened the Rensberg forces with a purpose. General Dearey is in command of the Boers in northern Cape Colony, and his right hand man is Colonel Mareuil, the French strategist, who beat Buller at Colenso. The presence of these two officers with a powerful force south of the Orange river indicates that the Boers are planning a counter to Rob-

erts's impending blow at Modder river To Democratize the British Army. London, Feb. 14.-One of the most significant developments of the war s nome is indicated by the statement by Mr. Wynnam in the House of Commons yesterday that an attempt would army. Military critics for years have denounced the system of caste prevailing in the army whereby men with money or "pull" obtained commissions to the exclusion of men of merit. This protest has apparently born fruit, with the aid of the British failures in South Africa, and yesterday Wynham stated that it was a scandal and a danger to the empire that young men could not enter the cavalry unless their fathers were able the give them 500 pounds a year. The statement of the parliament ary war secretary indicates that a exclusive social system which domi-nates the British military.

The Kentucky Trouble. Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 14.-A proposi-tion to divide Kentucky into two States has been discussed by people who think it impossible to reconcile the differ-

ences. A politician who has no de cided leaning in the present political controversy said this morning: "This is the most bitter political fight this country ever saw and unless Congress separates these people fauds will go on down here for years. If there is an election for Governor next fall, whole-

Sale killings are bound to result.

Last night Governor Taylor said relative to a wholesale killing: "If the mountain people and others would do that without saying anything to me, why I think a commune of two weeks in Kentucky would bring about a long and satisfactory peace."

Governor Taylor and the State buildings are still surrounded by heavy guards. Notwithstanding that Col. Williams on Monday positively announced that all guards would sale killings are bound to result.

positively announced that all guards would be withdrawn and any one could freely gain entrance to the buildings at 5 o'clock yesterday, the guards were all put back. The governor's offices are especially heavily

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 14.-Relatives John Knydlor, who is eighty years old, went to court yesterday to secure an injunction to restrain him from marrying fifteen year old Josephine Narnow-ski. When they discovered such a proceeding was unlikely to have the desired effect, they changed the application to one for a guardian and the proposed wedding was suspended for the time. The old man, who is wealthy, appeared at the marriage license office with his intended bride but the clerk refused to issue the necessary papers.

Lined With Bills and Bonds. Chicago, Feb. 14.-A worn and faded overcoat which had been thrown with the rags at the county hospital was found yesterday to contain \$5,000 concealed in the lining. It belonged to Samuel Beswick, who died at that institution Sunday night. For years Beswick had been known as the "tramp opera-tor of the open board." His brother started the inquiry which caused the finding of the property. \$2 000 was in bills and \$3,000 in bonds.

COURT OF APPEALS. Smith and others vs. Miller, trustee. Argued and submitted.
Wadley vs. Commonwealth. Argued and continued until today.
The next case to be heard is the Metropolitation.

tan Life Insurance Company vs. Rutherford. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is unequalled for piles, injuries and skin diseases. It is the original Witch Hazel Salve. Beware of all

Foreign News.

Dublin, Feb. 14.-A quantity of green posters are being circulated here today headed, "England's robber war," and containing an address to Irish Catholics signed "Father Kavanagh," which notifies Irishmen who enlist to fight against the Boers that they will

see their souls.
Southampton, Feb. 14.—Three thousand troops are embarking here today

on transports for South Africa,
London, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Arthur Paget's
entertainment for the benefit of the widows
and orphans of the Household Cavalry troops
was given last night in Her Matesty's Theatre. No State function has excelled it in dignits or allendor. Extrawagantly priced horsenity or splendor. Extravagantly priced boxes and seats were occupied by royalty, nobility and the pick of London society. London, Feb. 14.—The effects of the bluz-

ard which started Tuesday are felt through out Great Britain. Trains are snowed up in all directions and street car lines are blocked up and telephone and telegraph wires are

The Markets.

Chicago, Feb. 14 -The market closed as follows: Whest -May 68% 68%; July 68% 369%; Corn-May \$10 90a10 98. Georgetown, Feb. 14 -Wheat 68a73.

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

Washington, Feb. 14. SENATE.

A bill to incorporate the national 'Red Cross," was reported favorably. The committee on foreign relations reported favorably a bill to provide for the punishment of violation of the treaty rights of aliens.

The routine business having been disposed of, the Senate took up the financial bill under the 10-minute rule. Mr. Aldrich announced that later in the day he would ask the Senate to fix

an hour tomorrow for taking a vote on the bill. The chair held that amendments would be received up to the time of

Mr. Teller in opening the discussion said that the three members of the fi-

the bill had entirely ignored the House Mr. Teller said that a discussion of Mr. Teller said that a discussion of the till was useless, as the party in power intended it should pass. Mr. Vest believed that with the pas-sage of this bill, the last hope of bi-

metaliism was gone. Amendments to the bill were then

taken up. HOUSE.

Mr. Burke submitted the views of the minority in the contested election case of Wise vs. Young, of Virginia. The majority and minority reports port on the Aldrich-Robbins election ase were also submitted.

On motion of Mr. Hemenway legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was then taken up Efforts were made to secure an agreement limiting general debate on the bill, the republicans urging that during the week's debate to be had on the Porto Rican bill there would be plenty of time to discuss conditions in our insular possessions. The democrats refused to make any agreement unless more time should be given on the Porto Rican bill. The only outcome of the piscussion was a notice by Mr. Payne that in view of the inability to reach an agreement he would not call up the Rorto Rican bill until Monday next.

The House then went into committee of the whole on the appropriation bill, Mr. Hemenway making a statement as to the provisions of the till.

Some discussion arose over the provision to the effect that none of the salaries in the bill should be paid to persons permanently incapacitated for

Mr. Hemenway said there are about ten per cent, of the clerks in the goveroment service who are unable by cause of age or other reasons to proper-

ly perform their work.
Mr. Shattuc interrupted to say that out of 20,000 government employes there must then be an army of 2,000 inment and keeping civil war veterans

out of places.

Mr. Moody, inquired why the law requiring the dismissal of incapacitated clerks was not observed by the heads of departments. Mr. Hemenway replied that it was because members of Congress protested against such action in each individual case, naming one instance when fourteen senators and several congressmen exerted pressure.

Permission was granted the Alexandria Fertilizer and Chemical Co. to cross the side-work with a spur track from the main track of the Southern Ratiway on Union, between Queen and Princess streets. The Finance Committee reported recommending that \$600 be appropriated for the outdoor poor and \$400 for the alms house, the Alexandria Fertilizer and Chemical Co. to cross the side-work with a spur track from the main track of the Southern Ratiway on Union, between Queen and Princess streets. The Finance Committee reported recommending that \$600 be appropriated for the outdoor poor and \$400 for the alms house, the Alexandria Fertilizer and Chemical Co. to cross the side-work with a spur track from the main track of the Southern Ratiway on Union, between Queen and Princess streets. The Finance Committee reported recommending that \$600 be appropriated for the outdoor poor and \$400 for the alms house, the Alexandria Fertilizer and Chemical Co. to cross the side-work with a spur track from the main track of the Southern Ratiway on Union, between Queen and Princess streets. The Finance Committee reported recommending that \$600 be appropriated for the outdoor poor and \$400 for the alms house, the Alexandria for the Southern Ratiway on Union, between Queen and Princess streets. clerks was not observed by the heads of departments. Mr. Hemenway reseveral congressmen exerted pressure on the commissioner of pensions to pre vent him dismissing an incompetent

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Mr. Bell, was then recognized for an hour's speech on Secretary Gage's dealings with national banks. He showed that in most States banks holding de-posits of State money paid interest on

Mr. Sims called attention to the large number of pensions applied for as a result of the Spanish war.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

R. W. Bowers, of Brooklyn, N. Y. he advance agent of Lyman Brother Theatrical Company, took his life by drinking carbolic acid at Oskaloosa, Fia., last night.

The roof of Nos. 1 and 2 blast furn inces of the Joliet, Ills., plant of the I! linois Steel Comvany fell on a casting bed this morning burying twenty work men beneath the ruins. One man was instantly killed and several others bad-

ly injured. Reports received at Pottsville, Pa rom various sections of the anthracite coal regions seem to indicate that everything is in a harmon ous condition and that there is no foundation for the stories sent out to the effect that trouble is impending.

fast August two boys, sged 11 and 9 years, disappeared in New York. Yesterday two men while at work repairing an unoccupied house found the bodies of the boys. They had evidently gone into the house last August, became fastened in the room and died of starvation.

OFFICIAL.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN. At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of Alexandria, Va., held February 13, 1900, there were present: Wm. H. Marbury, esq. President, and Messrs. Hill. Dobie, Clark, Curtin, W. H.

Sweeney and J. T. Fweeney.

Mr. Clark, from the Committee on Light, reported progress in several matters which had been referred to them, and informed the board that the sffairs they were considering were being put in proper shape for a report to Council at an early date.

A report of the Finance Committee on a

A report of the Finance Committee on a communication from E. F. Price, Auditor, announcing the exhaustion of the appropriation of the funds for outdoor poor and the almshouse, and recommending additional appropriations of \$600 for outdoor poor acd \$400 for the alms house, was received from the Common Council and their action concurred in by a unanimous vote.

A communication from G. I. Simpson, Mayor, concerning a bill which has passed the Senate of Virginia for the chartering of the Virginia Telephone and Telegraph Com-

hayor, concerning a bill which has passed the Senate of Virginia for the chartering of the Virginia Telephone and Telegrapa Com-pany was received from the Common Coun-cil and their action concurred in.

A resolution directing the representative in the Legislature from this city and county to use his efforts to have the bill referred to by the Mayor defeated was received from the Common Council and amended by inserting the words "Senate bill 320," and as amend-

ed passed.

The following were also received from the Cemmon Council and their action concurred in: Report of the Committee on Light on the petition of F. Mertens; petition of the Alexandria Fertiliz r and Chemical Works for permission to run a railroad switch into their works; report of the Committee or their works; report of the Committee or Light on a resolution granting the committee power to allow any person or persons to furnish incandescent electric lights to pec-ple in this city; communication from R. M. Latham and the petition of sundry citizens for the reappointment of W. H. Hantzmon to his former position in the gas works. The aldermen were invited to attend a joint session with the Common Council for

joint session with the Common Council for the purpose of hearing read the report of Andrew J. Byrne on the condition of the city gas works. The invitation was accept-ed, and upon their return the action of the Common Council on the report was con-

W. H. MARBURY, President.
Teste: LUTHER H. THOMPSON, Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the city of Alexandris, Va., held February 13, 1900, there were present:

Messis. Snowden, Trimyer, Burke, Moore,
Latham, Desmond, Baader, Paff, Harrizon,
Smith, Lawler, Ficklin and Evans. In the absence of the president Mr. Snow-len was elected president pro tem. The following message was received from

the Mayor: Alexandria, Va , Feb. 13, 1900. To the Honorable the City Council of Alex-

andria: Gentlemen—"hort'y after the meeting of our General Assembly in December I was in-duenced to communicate with our representatives in that body by a rumor of possible leg is attou through which the rights of cities and towns were to be ignored and telephone and telegraph charters granted over streets and lleys without asking councelmanic permis sion. Not contenting myself with writing, I, personally, on or about December 13, 1899, requested Messrs. Denohoe and Hume to keep me advised of such measure belonging to that species of legislation herein before mentioned. Today Mr. Hume telegraphs me of his intentional designs and the species of his intentional designs are species of his intentional designs and the species of his intentional designs and the species of his intentional designs are species of the species of his intentional designs are species of the species of his intentional designs are species of the species of his intentional designs are species of the specie Today Mr Hume telegraphs me of his inten-tion to oppose, unless otherwise advised, a senate bill containing features obnoxious to community rights. I telegraphed him to op-pose by all means. Enclosed please find copy of bill aforesaid and also chippings from Rich mond papers. These will indicate the char-acter of legislation which should be condemn-athly on. City Council and they also achieve ed by our City Council and they also exhibit the interest which Virginia cities are taking in the matter. I do not think it at all necessary to send committees to Eichmond as I am confident that Mr. Hume's efforts will need no assistance of this character, but your honorable body should by resolution frown down upon legislation, which takes from Alexandria rights which she should rever surreader and that often-times encourages men without influence in their own communities to pose as directors of independent representa-ives in the Capitol of Virginia.

Respectfully, GEO, L. FIMPSON,

Mr. Paff presented the following which was manimously passed:

Eesolved. That our representatives in the Virginia Legislature be requested to oppose the passage of Senate bill No. 320, now pending in the legislature, to incorporate the Virginia Telephone and Telegraph Company.

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Committee was upanimously adopted. The Committee was usanimon-ily adopted.

The Committee on Light reported adversely on Mr. Desmond's resolution which was
referred to them on February 8, 1900, on
the ground that the privalege asked will conflit with the city's interest. The committee
are considering the advisability of enlarging
the present electric light plant with the view
of furnishing electricity for incondenses.

of furnishing electricity for incandescent lights. The report was unanimously adopted. The Committee on Light respectfully returned to the City Council the proposition of Mr. Mertens to lesse the city gas and electric light plants and also the resolution returning the same to them, the proposition having at the request of Mr. Mertens' attorney been withdrawn. The report of the committee was adopted.

The resolution to require the Washington in the resolution to require the Washington in the contract of the committee was adopted.

to keep the crossing open at the intersection of Wolfe and Payne streets, was called from the table by Mr. Lawler, discussed by Messrs Evans, Smith and others, and by general con A resolution appropriating 50 for a log

pump at the corner of Pitt and Gibbon streets was received from the Board of Aldermen and laid on the table.

An act to repeal an ordinance passed January 30, 1900, granting permission to the Southern Railway C. mpany to lay a track on Henry street, between Duke and Welfe streets, was presented by Mr. Evans and by

streets, was presented by Mr. Evans and by unanimous consent laid over.

A petition signed by 121 ggs consumers, requesting that Mr. W. H. Hantzmon, who for many years was in charge of the city gas works, be reappointed to the position he formerly occupied at said works was received an referred to the Committee on Light.

The following communication religious The following communication was received from Mr. R. M. Latham:

Alexandria, Va , February 13, 1900 To the Honorable the City Council of Alex-

andris, Va.: Gentlemen—I beg leave to make a short statement in answer to the communication submitted by the Hon. Geo. L. S. mpson. He makes a comparison between a plant install-ei 50 years ago and one of modern construction, stating that 36 per cent. of coke produced returns to the furnaces, but fails to room and died of starvation.

The Italian steemship Francisco Grasso from Liverpool to Genoa, foundered at sea on January 30 last. The crew of eighteen men were saved and they arrived at New York on the Francisco Grasso sailed from Liverpool on January 24.

Tom Sharkey got the decision over Joe Goddard in Industrial Hall, Philadelphia, last night. The latter's seconds threw up the sponge when it seemed certain that a kneckout would follow.

It is said that the President is considering the advisability of the withdrawal of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty for the reason that a storm of opposition has arisen against the treaty.

Advices from all over the State of Georgia of opposition has arisen against the treaty.

Advices from all over the State of Georgia show that all important rivers are overflowing their banks on account of incessant rains, and damage is threatened everywhere.

Bey. Dr. Charles H. Parkburst in 19.00, 3,210,740 cubic feet was the yield, with receipts from sale of coke in excess of any previous years since the building of the plant, notwithstanding that 30 days of the period it was sold for \$1 per load (see report of Antitor and Clerk). During the year 1897, before my incumbency, three was an except the property of the property o and damage is threatened everywhere.

Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst is ill in New York suffering from nervous prostration.

Bob Fitzsimmons yesterday posted a forfeit of \$5,000 for another fight with Jeffries.

of Antitor and Clerk). During the year 1897, before my incumbency, three gas envise and reported upon the condition of the same, but no improvements were made. In conclusion would state that I am not responsible for the condition of house pipe and burners of consumer lespectfully,

B. M. LATHAM The two boards convened in joint session

The two boards convened in joint sessing and the following report was read:
Alexandria, Va., Feb. 13, 1900
To the Honorable City Council:
Gentlemen—Having offered to make an examination of the City Gas Works and tender.

amination of the City Gas Works and tendered my services for that purpose, free of any cost to the city, I, in compliance with a reculution adopted by the City Council in just convention February 8, 1900, requesting matomake said examination, have the honor to submit the following report:

The buildings for the storage of coal are of a substantial character, and the coal peep reat the time of my examination and realy for distillation was apparently of good quality. distillation was apparently of good quality.

The retort and parifying house is with one

The retort and purifying house is with one exception in fair concition and can at small expense when the benches of fives are renewed, be put in condition to last many years.

The pipe, mater and valve building is in fair condition and can be made batter by the expenditure of a few delay.

The engine room attached to retort house should be enlarged, built entirely of brick, and a photometer placed therein for the better observation of candle power of gas. Hydraulic main over benches of fives, kvelied and supported so as to remain level and preserve uniform sea!

Lids on all retorts should be self-sealing, they save gas, time, and amonyance; those

they save gas, time and amoyance; those now in use being many years out of care.

Valves should be placed on stand pipes. All up-to-date gas works have these valves and asso the improved self-scaling lids.

A scrubber, for the better cleaning of the
gas and greater production of ammoniacal
iliquor, should be added to the work; and the
liquor sold, thereby producing a revenue to

the city.

The station meter has been in use man The two gas holders are comparatively now and should, with proper care, last many year. They, I am informed, cost the city \$14,000.

and to duplicate them now would cost con-siderably over \$20,000.

In the retort house are seven benches, containing thirty-seven retorts; the two large benches of six retorts each are new and have benches of six retorts each are new and have not as yet been used. One of the remaining five benches has only been in use about two months; the remaining four benches were built about a year ago. They all appear to be in good condition and only need the im-provements suggested above to produce bet-ter results.

The purifying capacity is ample, and with the addition of scrubber and change of puri-fying material good gas can be furnished. The initial pressure is excessive, and the remedy can be found in removing all defect-ive purifications. ive piping in mains, services and meters, which work can be gradually and effect vily done by noting all complaints and attenting to them promptly, thereby reducing the pre-sure and leakage which is twice as great as it

should be.
There should be a pressure register indi-

There should be a pressure register indicating and registering the pressure at all times both day and night.

Consumers' meters should be tested every few years and kept in good condition, and a meter prover should be provided for this purpose—it is necessary for the above work.

Mains not less than four inches and service pipe one inch should be used—the latter of black iron tested by steam and at the same time coated with tar. time coated with tar.

Improved tapping tools and machines should be provided, they save the less of gas

should be provided, they save the less of gar when tapping mains.

There are about eight or nine tons of carbon at the works, the greater portion of which in the result of overcharging the retorts and in-perfect distillation of the coal, which means a low yield and candle power—the light-giving properties having solidified into carbon, the accumulation and removal of which shortons the life of and of ten destroys the retort. the life of and often destroys the retort. The results, per man, do not justify the employment of the present force.

From general reports I was led to believe the gas works were of little value, but on my

examination I found all the buildings wi one exception substantial and in fair cond The gas holders, coal sheds, retorts, et gine, purifyers, pipe and valve rooms, and coke and lime sheds are in good condition

coke and lime sheds are in good condition, and with the improvements I have suggested added thereto the works would be all that could be desired at present.

I see no reason for the appropriation by the City Council or the issuing of bonds by the city to raise money to improve the Alexandria gas plant. All needed improvements the works and also the reconstruction.

at the works and also the renewal of pipes in the city can be made gradually, and, I am sure, can be paid for out of the revenue derived from the gas office in a few year-previded a compotent and exterienced man is placed in charge of the gas works as superist. Indent. Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW J. BYRNE.

The joint session then dissolved.

Upon motion the report of Mr. Andrew J. Byrne on the condition of the city gas works was referred to the Committee on Light with instructions to report at the next regular instructions to report at the next regular meeting of the City Council.

The board then adjourned.
HUBERT SNOWDEN, President protest
Teste: D. R. STANSBURY, Clerk.

Wrecks on the Southern Charlotte, N. C., Feb 14.—Three works occurred within an hour this morning on the Southern Railway. At Concord, a freigh vision twenty miles from Asheville, a trails ran into a landslide and the engine out-turned. The freman and a breakman wife crushed to death. The engineer was severely scalded. A train was also wrecked at Gre traile, S. C., caused by a landslide.

Albany, N. Y., is experiencing today the biggest freshet from the swolle Hudson since the year 1857. Busines men along the water front suffer a of property estimated at over \$500 000. Railroad traffic in and about the city is suspended. No fatalities have been

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth, of LaGrange, Gs. suffered intensely for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg, had writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured it in ten days. For Ulcers, Wounds. Burns, Boils, Pain or Piles it's the hes salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c. Sold by E. S. Leadbeater

& Sons, Druggists. Mrs. J. K. Miller, Newton Hamilton, Pa-writes: "I think DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the grandest salve made," It cures piles and heals everything. All fraudulent imitations

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Aust To quit tobacco easily and forever, to nesic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take N Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes we strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure Booklet and sample free. Addr.

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CANNING HOUSE.

We intend to establish a canner; for jacking tomatoes in Alexandria. Will want about 20,000 bushels tomatoes. Farmers interested please write or call in person.

CHARLES KING & SON,

215 north Lee street. DOTOMAC FLOUR. -50 barrels of Poto mac liour, freshly ground, just received by J. C. MILBUEN